

GLENN HAUSER'S SHORTWAVE/DX REPORT 99-04, Jan 21, 1999

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THIS WEEK ON WORLD OF RADIO 973. See topic summary at <http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/Wor973.html>

MUNDO RADIAL. Informe DX para enero/febrero a partir del 22 de enero en WWCR, 9475, viernes a las 2215. Vease los guiones en <http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/Relmid.html> (Hauser)

BULGARIA. R. Bulgaria will stop broadcasting in Spanish March 27 for economic reasons, reports Mario Pace, YV4FCU on the YV2FSW DX net Jan 17. We call upon all DX organizations and colleagues to send letters of protest to the station's management in order to save this service (Jorge Garcia Rangel, Barinas, Venezuela, via Hauser)

HONDURAS. New name of the 4930.6 San Pedro Sula station is actually Ebenezer 12-20, R. Costenya (Henrik Klemetz, DX Window) I.e. the biblical name; spelling it with an A was my mistake, and pronunciation the same as the hypothesized "Evenecer" (Hauser)

IRAN [non]. WWCR's Persian program on 12160 Jan 15 at 1100 IDed as "R. International" -- the English word in the Persian ID. Was playing an old tape from November with wrong frequency 15685. Gave P O Box in London, England, and fax number in Toronto, Ont. Said sister Kurdish program is on Thursday (not Tuesday as in WWCR sked). The programme includes a talk on the "stupid" and "disgusting" antics of Iranian intellectuals, but doesn't appear to say what it favours for Iran's future (fewer intellectuals perhaps?). (Chris Greenway, BBCM, WORLD OF RADIO 973)

The music behind the "R. Posesh" ID heard via WORLD OF RADIO is from Jethro Tull's "Thick as a Brick", a piece recorded in 1972, and occupying both sides of an LP (Frank van Gerwen, Castricum, Netherlands, Jan 17 via Hauser)

IRELAND. R. Ozone International tests to North America checked Jan 16-17; zilch at 2330-0130 on 5770. At 0847* heard closing 5770 to move to "6196.6" but actually on 6195.67 variable plus/minus .05. Host with strong Dublin accent described himself as being "knackered"; had used 6880 until 0145, and would stay on here until 0945. Yep, he was knackered alright but yet it was blatantly obvious throughout all the bleary talk that he was a mild-mannered warm ol' aging rocker who had an armful of decent

vintage LPs that he wanted to share. You could only hear this kind of radio out of love not money. Finally...Mr. Ozone's p-mail drop, mentioned often enough in the broadcast, is in the UK, but my guess is that this particular well-known old stalwart of the pirate waves has not much to fear from the Irish authorities.

-Mr. Ozone, c/o 55 D Chester Road, London North 19 5DF, England.

(Finbarr O'Driscoll, Ireland, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

TONGA [et al.] Actually, Banana bushes will continue to grow for several years after bearing fruit but will never bear again. so, an antenna strung to a banana bush will last for a few years. (Rev. Kenneth D. MacHarg, Miami Rescue Mission via Hauser) I trust this will climax this vital thread in our reports ;) (Hauser)

U S A. The pirate operating on 1710 has also operated on 1630 and 1650. It operated on 1630 until it was occupied and later on 1650 until this clear channel was occupied. This operator then chose 1710 to settle on. When reception is good they seem to have very good audio. The X band list I saw on one of the websites confirms my suspicion. They are reported to be operating near Peoria IL. This operator did not want to be chased off the X-band by US domestic stations (Artie Bigley, Jan 14, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING and WORLD OF RADIO 973)

U S A. AFRTS/AFN is again much more active on its three USB relay frequencies lately--often heard on two or three of them at once, 4278.5, 6458.5 and 12689.5. I continue to suspect 6458.5 may not be at Key West, but Puerto Rico instead (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 973) #####